Resolution further requests the Secretary General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth Session, for its consideration, a report containing comments made by member States on the subject.

Follow UP of Earth Summit

1031. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Commission on Sustainable Development has been set up as a follow-up of last Earth Summit;

(b) if so, what are its terms and reference; and

(c) what is India's programme of action?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In pursuance of paragrapoh 38.11 of Agenda 21, and UNGA, resolution 47/ 191, a high level Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) was established as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOCOS), in accordance with Article 68 of the Charter of the United Nations, The CSD will monitor progress and effective follow up of decisions taken at the Rio Conference, enhance international co-operation on environment and development issue and examine the implementation of Agenda 21 at national, regional and international level.

(c) The national Conservation Strategy and Policy Statement on Environment and Development has been enunciated in June, 1992 Agenda 21 has been included in the programme of action of concerned Ministeries of the Govt, of India.

Investment by C.P. Group of Thailand in Marine processed foods

1032. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the proposal of C.P. Group of Thailand which obtained permission to invest in production and marketing of processed marine and shrimp produce;

(b) whether any Indian parther is involved in this venture;

(c) what are the areas where this foreign company would operate its fishing vessels; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The information is furnished as statement (see below)

(b) The project with 100% foreign investment involves no India partner.

(c) There is no proposal to operate fishing vessels under the project.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

The salient features of the shrimp culture project of C.P. Group approved recently are as follows:

1. To set up an integrated project for the export of shrimping-from production to processing to export- by setting up 15 demonstration farms, 5 feed mills and 5 processing plants in 5 selected States in a period of 5 years.
2. To set up shrimp feed manufacutring unit, the output of which would be marketed among the shrimp farmers within the country.
3. To develop a marketing system for purchasing back the harvested shrimp from local farmers.
4. To develop cold storage facilities for shrimp thus procured.
5. Cleaning, processing and